

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 14, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 434, 3/10/2017; HB 4287, 3/10/2017; HB 439, 3/10/2017

00:01:21 Chair Ballance

HEARING ON HB 434

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:37 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 434, Create Montana wildlife habitat improvement act.

[EXHIBIT\(aph53a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph53a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph53a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph53a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph53a05\)](#)

00:03:15 Rep. Ryan, Rep. Cuff, Rep. Tschida, Rep. Hopkins arrived

00:07:03 Rep. Ellis arrived

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:07 Paul Sihler, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(aph53a06\)](#)

00:11:16 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:11:51 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MFW)

00:12:40 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)

00:13:46 Amber Burch, Montana Weed Control Association

00:14:32 Dan Roper, Montana Audubon Society

00:14:54 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:42 Rep. Keane

00:16:48 Paul Sihler, FWP

00:17:32 Chair Ballance

00:19:23 Paul Sihler, FWP

00:19:28 Vice Chair Brodehl

00:20:11 Paul Sihler, FWP

00:20:47 Vice Chair Brodehl

00:20:58 Paul Sihler, FWP

00:21:09 Rep. Cuffe

00:21:46 Rep. Flynn

00:21:55 Paul Sihler, FWP

00:22:11 Rep. Cuffe

00:22:23 Paul Sihler, FWP

00:23:03 Rep. Cuffe

00:23:20 Rep. Flynn

00:23:31 Rep. Cuffe

00:23:44 Vice Chair Brodehl

00:25:07 Paul Sihler, FWP
00:25:29 Chair Ballance
00:25:37 Paul Sihler, FWP
00:25:49 Rep. Burnett
00:26:04 Rep. Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:30 Rep. Flynn

HEARING ON HB 428**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:29:43 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 428, Revise laws for retail beer license lottery.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:55 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:33:32 Paul Cartwright, self

Informational Testimony:

00:35:45 Shauna Helfert, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:07 Rep. Woods
00:37:22 Rep. Jones
00:37:43 Rep. Woods
00:39:52 John Iverson, MTA
00:40:57 Vice Chair Brodehl
00:42:04 Rep. Jones
00:42:27 Shauna Helfert, DOR
00:43:07 Rep. Hamlett
00:43:24 Rep. Woods
00:44:27 Rep. Hamlett
00:44:47 Rep. Jones
00:45:02 Shauna Helfert, DOR
00:45:24 Rep. Cuffe
00:45:49 Rep. Jones
00:45:56 Shauna Helfert, DOR
00:46:56 Rep. Cuffe
00:47:24 Shauna Helfert, DOR
00:47:45 Rep. Cook
00:48:36 Shauna Helfert, DOR
00:48:47 Rep. Cook

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:07 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON HB 439**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:50:11 Rep. Ron Ehli (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 439, Clarifying when a state employment receives additional comp for supervisory duty.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:52:46 Director Dan Villa, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:56:42 Vice Chair Brodehl
00:58:50 Rep. Ehli
00:59:46 Rep. Woods
01:00:55 Rep. Ehli
01:01:00 Chair Ballance
01:01:04 Rep. Burnett
01:01:35 Rep. Ehli
01:02:10 Rep. Lynch
01:02:37 Dan Villa, OBPP
01:04:38 Vice Chair McCarthy
01:13:07 Rep. Ehli
01:13:59 Rep. Patelis
01:14:31 Dan Villa, OBPP
01:16:11 Rep. Keane
01:18:53 Rep. Ehli
01:19:22 Rep. Keane
01:19:28 Rep. Ellis
01:19:53 Dan Villa, OBPP
01:21:37 Rep. Hamlett
01:22:01 Dan Villa, OBPP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:37 Rep. Ehli

Committee Business:

01:26:25 Chair Ballance
01:26:52 Vice Chair McCarthy
01:27:26 Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:28:33

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph53aad.pdf](#))